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**Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation presents its compliments to all Diplomatic and Consular Missions accredited to the Kingdom of Cambodia and has the honour to inform of the new procedure for the adoption of Cambodian orphans as follows:

1. Adoptive parents shall satisfy the following conditions:
 - Shall be at the age of 25-55 years old for a married couple.
 - Shall be at the age of 40-50 years old for a single parent,
 - Have no children or have but not exceeding more than two children.
 - Only two children are allowed to adopt,
 - Adoptive parents shall submit 5 original application forms for the adoption of Cambodian orphan to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation through their respective Diplomatic and Consular Missions
2. An application form includes:
 - Approval letter for the adoption of the competent authority of the adoptive parents' country,
 - Home study made by the competent authority recognised by the government,
 - Copy of Birth Certificate or a Certificate of Birth,
 - Copy of Marriage Certificate or Divorce certificate or Certificate of Celibacy,
 - Medical certificate,
 - Psychological report issued by the psychiatrist recognised by the government of the adoptive parents,
 - Certificate of no-criminal record issued by the competent authority,
 - Certificate of behavior in the working place and society issued by the competent authority,
 - Financial and property certificate issued by the competent authority,
 - Promise letter to respect the rights of the adopted child and to provide education as well as the rights to obtain heritage as their own child.



- Photos of the adoptive parents within the last two months,
- Promise letter of the adoptive parents to keep informed of bringing up the adopted child.
- Copy of passports of the adoptive parents,
- Note of the respective Diplomatic or Consular Missions certifying that all documents concerned are authentic.

3. A choosing adopted child:

- Upon agreed on the request of the adoption by the Royal Government of Cambodia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation will inform the adoptive parents through their respective Diplomatic or Consular Missions to come and choose the child in the list of Orphans of the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labour, Vocational Training and Youth Rehabilitation,
- Adoptive parents are allowed to go and see the child in the orphanage before making a final decision to take a child.

4. Handing over the child:

- Upon agreed on the request of adoption by the Royal Government of Cambodia the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labour, Vocational Training and Youth Rehabilitation will issue a certificate of adoption to the adoptive parents.
- Adoptive mother and/or adoptive father shall come to take the child themselves in the presence of the officials of the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labour, Vocational Training and Youth Rehabilitation,
- Handing over the child through third person is not permitted.

5. Report on bringing up the child:

- Adoptive parents shall send every year a report on bringing up the child, which certified by the competent authority, from the time he or she was taken out from Cambodia until he or she reaches the age of 18 years old, to the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labour, Vocational Training and Youth Rehabilitation. This report shall also be copied to the Royal Embassy of Cambodia accredited in that country.

6. Expense of the adoptive parents:

- Adoptive parents shall take responsibility for the following:
 - . Passport for the adopted child,
 - . All expenses for the adopted child to leave the country.



The adoptive parents are required to give voluntarily donation for the humanitarian purpose to the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labour, Vocational Training and Youth Rehabilitation for the sake of all Cambodian orphans within the country.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Diplomatic and Consular Missions accredited to the Kingdom of Cambodia the assurances of its highest consideration.



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